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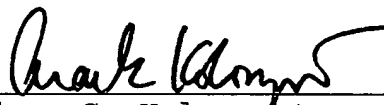
In response to the Office Action (restriction requirement) of May 23, 2005 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (Claims 8-21) with traverse, and request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement for the reasons set forth below.

In the event that the restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-

elected claims of Group II, in a later application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of the Group I and Group II claims is sufficiently related to allow for examination of all of the claims together. The claims of Group I are directed to a closure including a shell and a liner adhered to the inner surface of the closure end panel. The claims of Group II are directed to a method of providing a liner for a closure. It would seem that the common subject matter of the claims would warrant examining all of the claims together, and that such a single examination would not create any serious burden on the Patent Office. In fact, Applicants submit that a single examination may even be more economical.

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